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## **MAYOR JERRY SANDERS**

### **FACT SHEET**

# **WATER USE DOWN 11.3 PERCENT IN AUGUST**

### *Residents Continue to Meet the Challenge of Saving Water*

Mayor Jerry Sanders today announced that city residents continued in August to heed the message of water conservation. Water use was down 11.3% for the month compared to August 2008.

On June 1, San Diego implemented the most comprehensive water-conservation requirements ever established for the city, limiting the time and days for lawn watering, requiring leak repairs and other water-saving measures to avoid serious shortages.

Since then, all San Diegans – from private citizens to business owners to city employees – have made huge strides in reducing their water use. For the month of August, residential water consumption was down 10.7% compared to the same month last year. Commercial use was down 5.1% and irrigation 19.5%. The city trimmed its water usage 9% for the month.

“Clearly San Diegans are making a habit of cutting back on water, whether it be watering their lawns fewer days a week or turning off their faucets while brushing their teeth,” Sanders said. “This hard work needs to continue. Water shortage is an issue that isn’t going away.”

More information on the city’s water conservation efforts can be found at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/drought/index.shtml>

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